

News Release

Women's History Month Celebrates Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at the U of M, Crookston on Wed., March 27, 2013, in the Eagles Nest

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Panel discussion and special presentation by history of science expert Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, Ph.D.: "Uncovering the Past, Charting the Future: The Rise of Women in Science."

The University of Minnesota Crookston Women's Consortium will host a presentation by

nationally recognized history of science expert Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, Ph.D. (at right), on the topic of "Uncovering the Past, Charting the Future: The Rise of Women in Science." The presentation, along with a panel discussion, will take place on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Nest, Sahlstrom Conference Center. The event is free and open to the public and teachers and educators are especially invited to attend. Refreshments will follow and there will be an opportunity for networking, and Kohlstedt's book, The History of Women in the Sciences will be available for sale.



The panel will include regional women currently working in diverse math and science fields. They will share their personal stories of challenge and achievement. Panel participants include Candiss O. Williams, Ph.D., research social scientist at USDA-NRCS National Soil Survey Laboratory, Lincoln, Neb.; Susan Bornsen, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics at North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D.; Rebekah Aakre, a registered nurse residing in East Grand Forks, Minn.; and Gloria Ayuck, a nurse practitioner at Altru Clinic in Roseau, Minn.

Also participating in the panel discussion are several U of M, Crookston faculty including, Katy Smith, Ph.D., assistant professor of environmental sciences and biology, Pamela Elf, Ph.D., associate professor in biology and health sciences, and Vanessa Lane, Ph.D., lecturer in fisheries and wildlife management.

Kohlstedt is an earth science professor and a professor of the history of science and technology within the University of Minnesota's College of Science and Engineering. At the national level, she has been president of her professional association, the History of Science Society, and served for five years on the board of directors of the largest scientific society in the country, the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Her book, Teaching Children Science: Hands-On Nature Study, 1890-1930, demonstrates that it was innovative women teachers who introduced science into the public schools in the early twentieth century.



The theme for National Women's History Month 2013 is "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics." President Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980, as the first National Women's History Week. Later, in 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month, and March is now National Women's History Month. For more information, visit www.nwhp.org.

This program is sponsored by UMC concerts and lectures, Northwest Minnesota Women's Fund, UMC Office of Academic Affairs, UMC Ag and Natural Resources Department, UMC Office for Students with Disabilities, UMC Office of Diversity and Multicultural Programs.

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